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Sir:

This statement is submitted pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.97.
The information disclosed herein may be in addition to that information disclosed in the patent specification. It is requested that it and the

information set forth in the patent specification be considered fully by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office during its examination of the application.

The following is disclosed to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office:

The material listed on the attached copy of form PTO-1449.

It not only is requested that the above material be considered fully during examination of the application, but that it also be made of record so as to appear under the heading "REFERENCES CITED" on any patent issued directly or indirectly because of this application.


Copies of the document(s) identified but not readily available to the PTO are submitted herewith.

To assure the validity of any patent which issues based on the application, counsel believes that it is important that the U. S. Patent and Trademark consider the relevance of the listed item(s) in its/their entirety.

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Respectfully submitted

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